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In re Appln. of: Yasuyuki Kawashima et al.

Appln. No.: 10/692,554

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For: Sample Analyzers, Bacteria Analyzers, and
Solutions for Diluting and Cleaning

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (check at least one of the following):☐ Previously submitted:

- ☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- ☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ☐ Other: _____

☒ Attached is/are:

- ☒ A Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
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- ☐ Other: _____

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Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:☐ Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.☐ Is no longer desired.☒ Applicant(s) calculates the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:☒ A Request fee of \$810 under 37 CFR §1.17(e).☐ A suspension processing fee of \$ _____ under 37 CFR §1.17(i).☒ An additional filing fee of \$420 under 37 CFR §1.16 (2 additional independent claims).☒ An extension fee of \$1,050 under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for a three (3)-month extension of time. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is also enclosed.☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$2,280. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$ _____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

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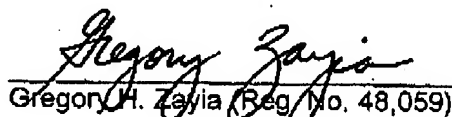
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